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ARTESIA FREEWAY (SR-91) LANE AND RAMP CLOSURES (UPDATE)

BELLFLOWER- The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces the following lane and ramp closures for the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or carpool) lane reconstruction and pavement replacement project on the westbound Artesia Freeway (SR-91), from Atlantic Avenue in Bellflower to Acacia Avenue in Compton. The following overnight closure schedule will be in effect, weather permitting. At least one lane will remain open to traffic in each direction at all times. Additionally, there will be a complete closure of the westbound Artesia Freeway (SR-91) between the Long Beach Freeway (I-710) and Artesia Boulevard in Carson on Sunday, November 5, 2006 beginning between 12:01 a.m. until 9 a.m..

Westbound SR-91 Saturday, November 4, 2006

- 7 p.m. until Noon Carpool lane from Long Beach Freeway (I-710) to Acacia Avenue.
- 7 p.m. until Noon Up to four regular use lanes between Long Beach Freeway (I-710) and Acacia Avenue.
- 8 p.m. until Noon North- and southbound connectors from Long Beach Freeway (I-710) to westbound Artesia Freeway (SR-91).
- 8 p.m. until Noon Atlantic Avenue on-ramp.

SR-91 is one of the most heavily traveled freeways in Los Angeles County and was also one of the first freeways to offer carpool lanes. As a result of heavy use, the asphalt pavement has experienced extensive wear. New pavement will improve safety and mobility for motorists. Completion of the entire project, which covers SR-91 from Downey Avenue to Vermont Avenue, is fall 2008.

Caltrans advises motorists to "Slow For The Cone Zone."

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